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SUBJ: TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST OPEC HQS IN VIENNA

THE FOLLOWING REPORT RECEIVED JANUARY 21, BY THE WEST GERMAN
FEDERAL CRIMINAL POLICE (BKA) IN BONN FROM A LAWYER'S OFFICE IN
STUTTGART AND SUBSEQUENTLY PASSED ON TO STATE POLICE FORCES (IN-
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CIRCLES IS WELL INFORMED BUT WHOSE NAME IS NOT TO BE REVEALED

FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: AT A NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE AMERICAN OIL COMPANY IN KUWAIT, THE OIL MINISTER OF KUWAIT (WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE HOSTAGE ACTION AT OPEC HEADQUARTERS IN VIENNA ON DECEMBER 21, 1975) STATED THAT CARLOS, THE LEADER OF THE TERRORISTS, INTENDED TO SHOOT AND KILL THE SAUDI OIL MINISTER, YAMANI. THROUGH THE INTERVENTION OF THE OIL MINISTER OF KUWAIT THIS WAS PREVENTED. CARLOS THEREUPON INFORMED THE KUWAITI MINISTER DURING A CONVERSATION THAT THE NEXT ACTION WOULD BE THE LIBERATION OF THE BAADER-MEINHOF-GANG FROM THE STUTTGART-STAMMHEIM PRISON. (NOTE: THIS GROUP IS PRESENTLY BEING TRIED FOR VARIOUS MAJOR TERRORIST CRIMES). PLANS WERE TO CONDUCT AN ATTACK AGAINST A STATEMAN OF A COUNTRY ON GOOD TERMS WITH GERMANY AND BY SO DOING TO CAUSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE THE BAADER-MEINHOF-GROUP. CARLOS CLAIMED FURTHER, THAT THE FRG PAID THE BAADER-MEINHOF SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION DM 2.5 MILLION A YEAR (ABOUT ONE MILLION DOLLARS) TO SECURE THE TERRORISTS' ABSTENTION FROM ATTACKS AGAINST LUFTHANSA AIRLINE OR GERMAN AIRPORTS (SIC). THE OIL MINISTER ALSO STATED THAT BOTH THE TERRORISTS AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN MUNICH AS WELL AS THE KIDNAPPERS IN VIENNA HAD BEEN FINANCED BY LIBYA AND THE LIBYAN CHIEF OF STATE, QHADDAFI. WHEN THE TERRORISTS WERE TURNED OVER IN ALGIERS, IT WAS AGREED THAT THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO IMMEDIATELY CONTINUE TO LIBYA. HOWEVER, WHEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ALGERIA DETAINED THE TERRORISTS OVERNIGHT, QHADDAFI PERSONALLY CONTACTED THE ALGERIAN CHIEF OF STATE, BOUMEDIENNE AND DEMANDED THEIR RELEASE AND TRANSPORT TO LIBYA. THE KUWAITI OIL MINISTER OPINED THAT CARLOS WAS A RATIONAL MAN AND MOST CERTAINLY NOT A POLITICAL FANATIC AND THAT HIS ACTIONS WERE PROMPTED BY FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS."

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